

BEST WISHES TO J.J.!

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 31, 1998

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my best wishes to a very well-loved member of the San Diego Community: J.J. the Gray Whale.

When J.J. was stranded on a beach more than a year ago, she was not expected to survive her journey to Sea World, San Diego. But survive she did. She was a mere 1,670 pounds and 13 feet, 10 inches long when she was saved. She has grown more than 10-fold—to 18,200 pounds, about the weight of six Buick Skylarks, and is 30 feet long.

Today, J.J. is scheduled to be released back to the Pacific Ocean to join other gray whales migrating north from Baja California to Alaska. Her recovery has been monitored by children around the country and I join them in wishing J.J. a successful transition back to the ocean and a safe journey.

J.J. was named after Judy Jones, who died after a life dedicated to rescuing sea lions. Scores of veterinarians, animal-care specialists, research scientists and animal trainers showed similar dedication in saving J.J. and preparing her for release. Over the past year, they have nursed her from a malnourished and dehydrated near-death state, taught her to eat from the bottom of her pool—similar to the way whales eat from the ocean bottom—and taught her to vocalize and recognize other gray whale sounds.

Her rescue and upcoming release are historic—it marks the first time that an orphaned gray whale has been raised by humans and released back into the wild. The Coast Guard, U.S. Navy, San Diego Police and Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute are handling the daunting logistics of her release.

J.J.'s life thus far has provided a wealth of scientific discoveries about gray whales. Her release provides a chance for her to live with other gray whales. I ask you to join me and the literally thousands of people cheering for J.J. in extending our thoughts and good wishes for her successful journey back to the wild.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. DOREEN
SILVERMAN BROGDEN

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 31, 1998

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Doreen Silverman Brogden, a woman who is a credit to our nation, the state of Alabama, and my alma mater, the University of Alabama School of Law, where she has been employed for the past 30 years.

Doreen Silverman was born in England during the War. In 1957 she traveled to the United States to live with her aunt and uncle in Brooklyn, New York. One year later, at a dance in the city, she met a young American serviceman named Harold Brogden. Eight months later, on December 29, 1958, they were married.

In 1961 Mrs. Brogden moved with Harold back to his native Alabama, where he at-

tended the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Born and bred in London, she was not at all sure about moving to this southern state. But, as she has so often in her life, Doreen Brogden summoned the grace and pluck instilled in her at the Skinner School for Girls in Stamford Hill, and approached change with open arms. Upon arriving in Alabama, Mrs. Brogden found employment with a local attorney, Mr. Gordon Rosen, and began to learn the ways of the Bar. On September 1, 1968, she joined the staff of the University of Alabama School of Law as secretary to Dean Daniel J. Meador. She served under two subsequent deans, Thomas L. Jones and Thomas W. Christopher, before becoming the school's Law Publications Coordinator in 1984. In this capacity, Doreen Brogden has served as sage and assistant to over a generation of student editors on the staffs of the Alabama Law Review, The Journal of the Legal Profession, the Law and Psychology Review, and the American Journal of Tax Policy.

Over the years, Mrs. Brogden has worked tirelessly to better the law school she calls home. At the same time, she has been a loving wife to her husband Harold and a devoted mother to their son Gregg, who was born in 1966. You will see pictures of both prominently displayed in her office at the law school among those of her favorite students and faculty members throughout the years—of which there are many. Yet no picture is more prominently displayed than that of Gregg and his wife Lyric, whom he married in 1993.

When you meet Doreen Brogden for the first time, she will tell you that she lives by the creed her mother taught her in England: "I bow down to God only, the rest of us are equal." She is as good as her word. From deans to law students, Doreen Brogden treats them all alike: as peers when they deserve it, as friends if they can earn it, and, above all else, as her own children. Mrs. Brogden is an exemplary Alabamian who has earned the respect and gratitude of a countless number of Alabama law students. She is particularly treasured by the staff of the Alabama Law Review, where she has guided countless Managing Boards through the trials and tribulations of producing three issues a year.

As we approach the 30th anniversary of her joining the University of Alabama School of Law, I seek to honor this special woman. We are grateful that she found her way to our state, a state she loves as much as any native-born citizen. But Alabama cannot claim all of Doreen Silverman Brogden. She is truly an international individual, and she exemplifies a goodness that knows no boundaries. Mr. Speaker, I join today with her many friends and admirers at the law school in thanking Doreen Brogden for her life of service and her heart of gold.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN COOKSEY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 31, 1998

Mr. COOKSEY. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I was not present to record votes on rollcall votes No. 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83 and 84. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 76, 82, 83 and 84; "aye" on

rollcall 77, 78, and 80; "no" on rollcall 79; and "nay" on rollcall 81.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL REDMOND

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 31, 1998

Mr. REDMOND. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on Roll Call No. 19 and had I been present I would have voted "No."

ILLEGAL FOREIGN
CONTRIBUTIONS ACT OF 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 1998

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the Illegal Foreign Contributions Act legislation that unfairly targets Legal Permanent Residents by restricting their right to participate in political activities. Specifically, this legislation bans campaign contributions by Legal Permanent Residents.

This legislation is patently unconstitutional. Legal Permanent Residents are like citizens in many ways: they work, they pay taxes, they can get drafted into the military, and they contribute to our economy and our society. Most importantly, the Courts have consistently held that Legal Permanent Residents enjoy the same First Amendments rights as do United States citizens. To silence legal residents in the arena of political speech goes against the most basic principles of our democracy.

The Supreme Court established in *Buckley v. Valeo* that campaign contributions are "political speech", and therefore protected under the First Amendment. Political contributions are one of the ways that like-minded individuals associate in furtherance of common objectives. Under *Buckley* and subsequent cases, any law which limits expenditures or completely prohibits campaign contributions from particular persons presumptively violates the First Amendment. Regardless of whether each of us agrees with or likes the decision in *Buckley*, it is the law and the court's constitutional analysis applies whether the person making the expenditure is a citizen or a Legalized Permanent Resident. Mr. Speaker, I have here in my hand a letter authored by nearly 100 law professors stating that a ban on campaign contributions by Legal Permanent Residents would violate their First Amendments Rights.

I hope that my colleagues will think carefully before casting a vote tonight on this legislation. I hope that they will vote to support the constitutional rights of our nation's Legal Permanent Residents.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 31, 1998

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today I want to put the leadership on notice that the need for